

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

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Maine Fifth In Highway Death Rate

Maine's motor vehicle death rate for the first ten months of 1952 was listed at 4.4 in a recent release from the National Safety Council. This puts Maine in a three-way tie with Vermont and New Jersey for fifth place in the nation.

The 4.4 figure represents the number of highway fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel, comparing favorably with the national rate of 7.0.

Maine's death rate has been declining steadily since 1948. We finished 1951 with a 5.0 rate, and hopes were high that we might be able to do even better this year, however, although our experience was good for the first ten months, 19 fatalities in November brought the realization that we cannot relax our caution on the highway for a single moment.

INTERESTING HOLIDAY ISSUE OF THE PINE CONE OUT

The traditional Holiday Issue of the Maine Publicity Bureau's official magazine, The Pine Cone, is now being distributed to subscribers throughout the country with greetings from the Pine Tree State.

The four color cover of this Winter Issue shows a Maine hillside mantled in a cloak of snow. Among the features are pictures of Lewiston's 60 foot community Christmas tree and street decorations and a comprehensive write-up of the Lewiston-Auburn area by Richard A. Hebert, community relations manager for the Bureau, and a revealing article by Mary Woodman of the Waterville Sentinel entitled, "The Man in the Hathaway Shirt," in which she tells of a publicity campaign by Hathaway that startled the advertising world.

The Pine Cone's Maine schools series is continued in this issue with a pictorial and editorial account of Hebron Academy by editor William Hatch. A picture-story of the only nickel bus line in the country, the Biddeford-Saco Railroad, a directory of Maine ski areas, a report of Maine at Christmas and selected Maine poems are also included.

The Pine Cone magazine is available at Maine Publicity Bureau offices located at Portland, Augusta, Kittery, Bangor, and New York.

BOY SCOUTS—TROOP 165

The regular Thursday meeting was opened with the flag salute, the Scout Laws, and the Scout Oath. Leroy Brown passed the Tenderfoot requirements. Then the Pine Tree gave a demonstration on camping. Scout Reporter, Dennis Robertson.

DO NOT LEARN WINTER DRIVING THE HARD WAY

Stopping distances are multiplied three to twelve times on snow and ice.

"Accident records following the first storms are indicating that new drivers getting their first experience with winter driving are learning this fact the hard way," observed Lieutenant John deWinter, Director, Division of Traffic and Safety, Maine State Police Monday.

"Then, too," he added, "there are those drivers who refuse to learn by the experience of former years. These 'hardy perennials' still alive in spite of their annual wintertime brushes with death, are once again becoming involved in these early, winter traffic mishaps."

"We must all realize, new and old drivers alike, that safe driving demands a change from our summertime driving habits to fit the winter conditions," concluded deWinter. "Reduce speed and leave more space between cars."

The Week in Oxford County

Hugh J. Chisholm, president of the Oxford Paper Co. announces three new vice-presidents: T. E. Spear, becomes vice-president, public relations; T. E. Hanning, vice-president, engineering; Duncke, vice-president, engineering. The three men have been long time employees of the company.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKellick, Richards Ave., Mexico, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon with a loss estimated at \$4,000. Clothing, furniture, money and wrapped Christmas gifts were burned.

Work is progressing favorably on the new Virginia School, Hiramford. It will open for classes next

WORKER SUPPLY-DEMAND BALANCED IN RUMFORD AREA

A tight labor market, with worker supply-demand in approximate balance, characterized the Rumford labor market area during November, according to Ernest F. Lever, Jr., manager of the Maine Employment Security office at 244 Waldo Street, Bethel, in the area served by the Rumford office.

Compared with October, Lever said that during last month fewer job openings were received from employers, and fewer male applicants for jobs visited the MESC office.

The Rumford office made 80 non-farm November placements, including one non-veteran physically handicapped male. A total of 134 placements were made in the previous 30-day period.

November traffic declined to 613 office visits, 111 less than the October total.

Unfilled job openings, as November ended, were pegged at 705, largely for workers in varied semi-skilled woods operations, a drop of nine from the total at the beginning of the month.



Miss Sylvia Bird spent the week end at Portland.

Robert Kirk has returned home from the Veterans' Hospital at Togus.

Edmond Dorlon, Bucksport, was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Paine.

The long needed guard fence has been set up along the gravel-pit excavation in Mayville.

Miss Alice Bennett of Nashua, N. H., is spending her Christmas vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Carter, at Seal Cove.

Miss Verne Swift will spend several days of her vacation with Miss Mary Whitney, Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clunie are spending Christmas vacation at their home in Damariscotta.

Asa Sessions and George Lapham of Rumford will be Christmas guests at Perry Lapham's.

Mrs. Estelle Goggin is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Sileritz, Allentown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mae MacLaughlin of Bucksport spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Katharine Adams.

Mrs. Merle Wheeler and son Lynwood, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earlyn Wheeler in Camden.

Miss Lillian Coburn, RN, Portland, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coburn.

David Durgin, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bean.

Mrs. Ruth Dorlon and daughter, Sarah, of Cambridge, Mass., will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Paine.

Miss Ruth Donahue of Boston, Mass., will spend the holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Donahue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, Brownville Junction, will spend the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowell left Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chayer at Wollaston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Young Jr. and Theodore Young, Hartford, Conn., will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Young.

A snowy-rainy period Monday demands a change from our summertime driving habits to fit the winter conditions," concluded deWinter. "Reduce speed and leave more space between cars."

The estimated cost of the 10-room building and equipment is \$25,000.

William F. Lyon, who for 35 years has been connected with the Maine roads starting as a railroad man, retired from the State Highway Department. Mr. Lyon has lately been senior supervisor of five counties. He and Mrs. Lyon were honored Thursday with a party by his fellow employees.

Albert Smith of Brewer was badly injured when his panel truck went off the road in Hiram. He was taken to the Rumford Community Hospital. He reported his truck was stolen and wrecked while he was sleeping in the back.

The technological advances made in industry through invention, first of machines and then of better and better machines, have enabled American workers to produce more while toiling fewer hours and to earn ever-increasing wages." Easton (Mass.) Bulletin.

"The government spends large sums paying farmers to do things the farmer would do anyway if a dollar's worth of limestone spread on a farm will bring a return of \$15 to \$16 in increased crops, there need be no other incentive. Yet the government insists on passing out cash to farmers for doing it." Boston (Mass.) Herald.



GOULD HOOPSTERS TO PRACTICE NEXT WEEK

On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of next week Coach Anderson plans to meet at least a dozen of his Varsity and J.V. players for holiday workouts. The fact that nine out of the Varsity ten are local boys makes it possible for practice sessions during the vacation. The practices will start at 2 p. m. each of the three above mentioned days. Any Alumni wishing to work out with the team are most welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuzik and Peter, and Edward P. Lyon will spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bush and family in Belmont, Mass.

Open house will be held at the Congregational Manse on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1953, from 7 to 10 p. m. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clark, Augusta, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne.

Miss Judy Myers returned home with them to spend a few days.

Charles M. Smith, Amherst College Junior, was guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting at the Legion Home Monday evening. He spoke on his European tour of last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Cassell, Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, Waldoboro, and Miss Irene Wright, Thomaston, Conn., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Kenneth Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Valentine of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Mary Valentine of Bloomington, Ind., are spending the Christmas holidays with Charles Valentine, Richmond, Va., and his family.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Herbert I. Bean will be Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones and daughter, Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gibson, Nancy and Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bowden, Keen, and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Tibbetts, Bethel.

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BLOODMOBILE AT NORWAY ARMORY, JAN. 8

The next call of the Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the Norway Armory, January 8 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 6:00 p. m.

The chapter did not meet its quota of 100 pints the last time so additional volunteers are urgently needed to keep up with the Red Cross demands. Please arrange with Mrs. John P. Howe for appointments as rapidly as possible.

GOULD ACADEMY GOULD WINS FIRST LEAGUE GAME, 67-44

After a close 15-11 score at the end of the first period, Gould Academy took command and racked up a one-sided 67 to 44 victory over Bridgton High, Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. Murphy, Fossett, and Rolfe scored in double figures for 11, 17, and 20 points respectively. Thomas, at center, and left guard Thomas, were tops for the visitors with 19 points and Rowe with 12. The Husky J.V.s to a 55-31 victory over Bridgton's understudies.

Bridgton High

Gould

Clark

Darich

Douglas

Johns, e

O'Brien

Thomas, g

Berry

Moulton

Merrill

Totals

Gould

Emery, f

Fossett

Melville

Rolfe, c

Hastings

Murphy, g

Merrill

White

Taylor

Totals

Bridgton 11 15 37 41

Gould 15 26 42 67

Officials: Huntington and Hackett

Time: 4:45

GOULD WINS SENSATIONAL GAME 66-33

Gould Academy won its third straight game last Thursday taking Norway High in a thrilling 66 to 33 game that saw the score tied 11 times and the lead change almost as fast as goals could be made.

Norway started strong taking a 17 to 12 lead in the first quarter. In the second period Murphy was the big gun as he fired nine goals to help overcome the Norwegians and gain a one-point 23-20 lead.

The final half was fast and furious with Gould twice gaining seven point leads but losing them. The final score was 66 to 33.

Two minutes to go the score stood 44 to 33 in favor of Gould. In the final minutes of play, Gould dropped in 22 goals to win the game.

It was the first time play of the entire Gould team that won the game. Melville and White were great in the half-court. Murphy moved from a guard to a forward and did a great job as he scored 15 points. Rolfe and Fossett were consistent scorers with 16 and 10 points.

For the losers it was the great last half spurge by Tharston that kept Norway in the game. During only three points in the first half he came back to add 15 more in the last two frames for a total of 18. He was well supported by Gould who sank sensational shots to total 22 points.

In the prelin, Rowe (12), White (11), Lord (9), and Daley (8) were good for a 45-25 victory over Norway's Junior Varsity.

Norway

Dyer, f

Moore

Thurston, c

Whitney

Kimball, g

Gould

Robinson

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ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM CAUSED BY USE OF PRIVATE CARS AS SCHOOL BUSES

"The use of pleasure cars and panel bodied trucks as school buses is presenting a serious enforcement problem," said Lieutenant John deWinter, Director, Division of Traffic and Safety, Maine State Police, recently.

"Because these vehicles are not painted 'school-bus yellow,' drivers do not recognize them in time to stop, even though the specified school bus signs are displayed both front and rear. Because of this, some people believe that any vehicle which carries school children should be painted yellow, whether it is a bus, panel truck, or pleasure car."

"Nevertheless," continued deWinter, "the fact remains that many of these unpainted vehicles are being used for transportation of school children, and it is the duty of motorists to be attentive enough to observe the school bus signs which are prominently displayed both front and rear."

Lieutenant deWinter reminded motorists that Maine law requires that "the driver of a vehicle on a way upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the way for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed."

APOLYGY

To our R. F. D. readers—this issue of the Citizen, printed Wednesday because of the Thursday holiday, will be delivered to many readers on Saturday Publication.

It would have been made on Friday, insuring later news, had we known in time of the double holiday given rural carriers.

A special Christmas program was held during assembly on Wednesday morning Dec. 17 when two choruses and the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's Messiah as recorded by Sir Thomas Beecham and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra were played. Frank Flint, a member of the Junior class, presented interesting material on the composer and the choruses which the composition has had all over the world.

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. David S. Foster, Corres.—
The East Bethel Primary had a Christmas program and tree on Friday with a good attendance. Miss Mina Stevens presented the following program:

Plano Solo
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Bible, Luke 2:13-14
Joy to the World
Bible Verse, Luke 2:11
Song, O Come All Ye Faithful
A Christmas Greeting.

Cynthia Coolidge
A Christmas Wish, Roland Hatfield
Good Old Christmas Spirit
Song, Away in the Manger
Billy's Christmas Present.

George Crockett
Preparing for Christmas — Josie
Foster, Dale Kimball, Lorraine
Olson, Danny Long, Gloria Har-
rington, Billy Gordon
A Boy's Christmas Dream

Billy Gordon
Christmas Mysteries, Stanley Howe
Santa Is Coming.

Kenneth Crockett
Song,
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

If I Were Santa, Dale Kimball
If I Were a Christmas Toy—Es-
ther Harrington, Earl Coolidge.
Cynthia Coolidge, Josie Foster,
Gordon Crockett.

If I Were a Twin, Charles Haines
Silent Night, Gregory Howe

Gene Burns is working at Rapid
River now.

James Plawlock has been in the
hospital with a very bad ankle. At
last reports he was feeling a little
better.

Urban Bartlett, Earl Brooks and
Irwin Brooks are ill with the
grippe.

In the recent judging contest
Serena Coolidge and Ann Carter
won ribbons for judging drawing
bags. Albert Coolidge, Phyllis Cool-
idge, Arlene Coolidge, and Sonia
Swinton won ribbons on their
questionnaires. They are all mem-
bers of the Snappy Eight 4-H
Club. In the Early Risers 4-H
Club Robert Coolidge and Carlton
Tyler won ribbons on both pota-
toes and the questionnaires.

Alder River Grange held a regu-
lar meeting on Dec. 19 with Wor-
thy Master Louise Coolidge in the
chair. Eighteen members were pre-
sent. The Grange Herald was vol-
ed for each office in the Grange.
It was voted to give Robert Bill-
ings a demit from our grange.

The lecturer's program was as fol-
lows: Roll Call, Christmas Wishes,
All: Carol, O Come All Ye Faith-
ful; Reading, 'Twas the Night Be-
fore Christmas, June Foster; Carol,
Joy to the World; Reading, Mrs.
Malady's Christmas, Mrs. Floribel
Haines; Carol, Silent Night.

Adole Kimball, Carolyn Noyes
and Mary Hastings are home from
college for the Christmas vaca-
tion.

June Foster, Grace Smith, Lewis
Smith, Robert Curtis and Keith
Bartlett went on a skating party
at Bessey's Creek at Rumford Cor-
ner with friends from Rumford
Corner, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings
were in Bangor last Friday to
bring Mary-Alice Hastings and
Carolyn Noyes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings
were in Lewiston and Lisbon Falls
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Lovell
will be Christmas guests of Mr.
and Mrs. O. B. Farwell. Mr. and
Mrs. Malcolm Farwell are expected to
be at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
O. B. Farwell, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble of
Lewiston will be Christmas guests
of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Farrar will
be Christmas guests of his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Farrar.

Charlie Bradbury of Franklin is
visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Floyd Bradbury, for the Christmas
vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billings and
son of Bethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Vic-
tor Brooks and family of Bryant
Pond are expected guests of Mr.
and Mrs. Edward Billings.

Mrs. Ruth Hastings and son, Ed-
ward, have moved to Bethel vil-
lage for the winter.

Miss Adele Kimball is working
at Brown's Variety Store in Beth-
el.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith are
expected guests at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Smith, Christmas
Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Ed-
munds and Sandra of Norway were
week end guests of Mrs. Evelyn
Harrington.

Hank Olson was home over the
week end from his work at Rapid
River.

Mrs. Louis Collier and three chil-
dren and Mrs. Gordon Walts of
Oakland and Mrs. Winton Abbott
of West Paris visited Mrs. Inez
Whitman and family, Saturday.

The highest possible stage of
moral culture is when we recog-
nize that we ought to control our
thoughts.

—Darwin

ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER—AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Corres.—
The Rev. Alvin Strong conducted
the Christmas Day church service
Sunday morning. The services are
being held in the church vestry
this winter.

The annual supper and Christ-
mas Tree were held at the church
Wednesday evening, Dec. 17. After
supper the program consisted of
songs and recitations by the chil-
dren after which Santa Claus dis-
tributed the presents.

The Albany Extension Group met
with Mrs. Barbara Inman for an
all-day meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16,
with nine members present. The
meeting was called to order by the
chairman, Mrs. Alice Kimball. A
poem, "The Calf Path," was read
by the chairman as an eye-opener.

Paper choir boys used as table
decorations and children's gift
books were shown. The Secretary's
report was read and accepted.

UNESCO stamps were explained,
and the Group voted to buy four.

It was voted to hire Mrs. Arlene
Leighton as baby-sitter during the
Extension meetings. The Program
for 1953 was discussed. At noon a
Square Meal for Health was serv-
ed Kitchon Style.

In the afternoon the following
calendar was compiled, and the
Group voted to accept it as their
program for 1953:

January 15 — Home Gardens,
Bethel with HDA

January 21—Better Buttonholes
February 11 — Easy Everyday
Desserts

March 19—Comfort in the Living
Room, HDA

April 8—Short Cuts in Ironing
May 6—Keeping Fit with Pro-
teins, HDA

June 10—Metal Trays
July 8—Cake Decorations

August 12—Picnic, Felt Bags
September 15 — Choosing Shoes
for the Family, HDA

October 14—Holiday Candles
November 11—Election of offi-
cers, Cleaning Rugs and Uphol-
stery.

December 9—Planning Meeting.
For the Community Project each
member is to make two dish towels
to present to the Ladies Benevo-
lent Society. Money will be taken
from the Treasury to pay for
material.

Several members expressed an
interest in "Sew Easy for Begin-
ners," and Mrs. Dorothy Henley
was chosen to attend the Training
Classes.

The country to be studied in the
Know Your Neighbor project this
year is India, and each member
was assigned a different month
in which to report something on
this country.

A Square Meal Committee of two
was appointed for each all-day
meeting.

Mrs. Annie Bumpus was appoint-
ed the Extension Group Reporter.
The meeting was adjourned.
Christmas gifts were exchanged,
and a lunch of cookies was served
by the Hostess.

All who are saving Food Labels
for the benefit of the church please
send them in immediately, as the
offer expires December 31, 1952.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs.
L. J. Andrews were Mr. and Mrs.
Albert Keniston and Mr. and Mrs.
Lloyd Keniston and family of
Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney An-
drews and two children from Gor-
ham, N. H., Mrs. Beatrice An-
drews, and Mr. and Mrs. Earlon
Keniston and daughter, Lona.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Inman and
daughter, Gail, called at Harlan
Bumpus' Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns and
Mrs. Annie Bumpus were in Be-
thel shopping Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spinney were
Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E.
H. Smith and family at Minot.

Mrs. Roy Tripp, Corres.—
Ensign Mervin Rowland of the
Brooklyn Navy Yard was at his
home the past week end.

The newly organized Twin River
4-H Club held its Christmas Party
Saturday evening at the home of
Mrs. Harold Brooke. Officers for
the boys group were elected as fol-
lows: president, Herbert Mor-
son III; vice president, David
Moore; treasurer, Walter Gross;
secretary, Glendon Marceau; Re-
porter and Color Bearer, Peter
Baker. Mrs. Mildred Gross read
the Christmas story from the Bible.
Gifts were exchanged and refresh-
ments were served by the leaders.
Mrs. Harold Brooke and Mrs. Wil-
liam Brooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Gunther called
on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tripp Sun-
day evening.

Allan Carlson of Rumford was
at his farm Sunday.

The last of the cattle that were
pastured on Chase Hill were cap-
tured Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gross and
children, Glendon and Kendall,
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Carson at Danville, Vt. Sunday.
Glendon and Kendall will spend the
holidays there.

Familiar sugar is available for
energy quicker than any other
common food.

—Darwin

SKILLINGTON

Mrs. Ola Tift, Correspondent.—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin will
be spending Christmas with Mr.
and Mrs. Robert Bean at Sunday
River.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom
spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs.
Hartley Hanscom, at Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Swain and
family and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin
Swain and family will be spending
the Christmas holiday with Mr. and
Mrs. Ruel Taylor in Gray.

Christmas guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Guy Pratt will be Mr. and Mrs.
Prescott Tucker of Dover, Mass.,
and Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt of
Hallowell.

Edwin Swain of Schenectady, N.
Y., will be spending the Christmas
week end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rolfe were
Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Harold Young.

Mrs. Leola English is spending
Christmas day and week end with
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trimback and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lord and
family are spending Christmas with
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence O'Leary at
Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester French and
granddaughters, Carol and Priscilla
Perkins, of Norway, called at the
Tift home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Angela Onofria vis-
ited in Milan, N. H. Sunday.

Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs.
Angelo Onofria and children, Be-
verly and Richard, were in Rum-
ford, Wednesday.

Marion Milville called on Mrs.
Bennett and Mrs. Baker Sunday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker are
spending Christmas with Mr. and
Mrs. William Young and family at
Locke Mills.

Mrs. Malcolm Mundt, Corres.—
Saturday callers at Mr. and Mrs.
Clyde Whitman's were Winfield
Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Whitman.

Fred Mundt visited Mr. and Mrs.
Malcolm Mundt and family Sat-
urday afternoon and had supper
with them.

Jeanette Trefethen had Wed-
nesday supper with Gwen and
Karl Stearns and spent the even-
ing there.

Lawrence Waterhouse served
four years in the Army instead
of two as previously reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Abbott and
family visited Mr. and Mrs. Cleve
Waterhouse and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Elton Coolidge and Mrs.
Malcolm Mundt were among the
many Bethel shoppers at Berlin
last week.

Howard Waterhouse is home
from the U. of M. for the Christ-
mas vacation.

George Abbott was at South Pa-
ris Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Donald Clifford of Rum-
ford was a recent caller at Edgar
Davis.

Mrs. Christine Knight's Hill and
baby Shari Lynne returned home
from the Rumford Hospital, Fri-
day.

The children of Sherwood Black
have been sick with tonsillitis.
Mrs. Everett Cole was at Rum-
ford Saturday afternoon.

Recent callers of Mrs. Christine
K Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
Mullen and baby of South Paris,
John Pietila, Mrs. Janet Poland and
daughter, Sheila, and Mrs. Annie
Pietila of West Peru.

Lee Billings and family and Mrs.
Edgar Davis were recent callers at
Emil Heikkinen's, West Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tibbetts and
Carolyn and Virginia Tibbetts were
in Norway Saturday shopping.

Mrs. James Spinney and daugh-
ter, Mary Jane, were in Norway
Saturday, shopping.

Mrs. Sarah Chase and Mrs. To-
may Gaudet were in Bethel one
day last week.

Mrs. James Spinney and Mrs.
Horace Tibbetts were in Lewiston
last Wednesday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodrick Harthorne
and children were in Lewiston
shopping last Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Tibbetts was in
Norway one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deegan and
children, Henry and Sally, spent
Sunday evening, Dec. 14, with Mr.
and Mrs. James Spinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langway,
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Ring of Wa-
terford and Mr. and Mrs. Jason
Smith spent Saturday evening with
Mr. and Mrs. James Spinney.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spinney and
daughter, Mary Jane, and Lloyd
Burges will spend Christmas with
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deegan and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tibbetts
were in Rumford on Monday eve-
ning, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cronkhitte from
Berlin, N. H., spent Friday evening
with Mr. and Mrs. James Spinney
before going to New York for the
winter.

Quite a few of the homes through-

WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Paul W. Croteau, Corres.—
J. H. Deegan has sold his farm
and moved to his new home in
town.

Mrs. Amy Bunker and the Mit-
ses Mary and Carolyn Mills were
in Norway recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Horten Beck were
recent callers in town.

Mrs. George Williams accompan-
ied Mrs. Amy Bunker to Rumford
one day last week.

Mrs. Paul Croteau Sr., Mrs. Paul
Croteau Jr., and son Paul III, were
in Berlin last Thursday.

A family from Berlin has mov-
ed into J. H. Deegan's former home.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deegan and
children were in Berlin one day
last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and
children were in Rumford Friday.
Mrs. Hulda Monfette and family
called at Paul Croteau's Sunday
evening.

Lillian L. Brown, Corres.—
Raymond and Bertie Millett have
finished cutting pine for Herbert
Durant.

Benny Cyr was a business caller
in this place Friday. Mr. Cyr has
been packing apples at the Morse
place since early fall, has over
forty head of cattle, twenty and
hogs and conveys school pupils,
with time for many other activi-
ties.

Carlton Barker Jr. has been
hauling logs from the Durant lot
to the Dwight Grover mill.

Roger Reynolds has ceased op-
erations at the Ernest Wentworth
mine until spring.

Don Brown who has been oper-
ating a shovel at a mine in Green-
wood has finished work there and
moved the shovel to a gravel pit in
Albany where he will load trucks
with gravel to be hauled onto
woods roads.

James Leopold was a recent vis-
itor at Ernest Brown's.

Don Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Graham
Bachelder and family called on
their parents, Sunday.

South Bethel look very nice with
their Christmas trees and Christ-
mas lights all lit up.

Mrs. Harold Tibbetts was in West
Paris one day last week.

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I am such a burnt-in-the-core
believer in free enterprise that
sometimes I reckon I make some
kind of a nuisance of myself. But
as I gaze back at which has hap-
pened here in our fair land, and
due to too little attention as to
what is going on all around us, I
haul out a new sharpened pencil
and break out again against Gov-
ernment ownership—Govt. opera-
tion of things that ups and pulls
the rug from under the citizen who,
when he wakes up, is a surprised
baby.

Look today at that grand Pacific
Northwest wherein you will find
no sweeter raspberries, plumper
salmon, redder apples—and what
happens when they lowered their
guard. The Govt. power boys
breached into the country there with
the callopie on top volume, saying,
stand aside girls and boys—you
sit down in the cool shade—I will
make the power and lights—and
cheaper.

The folks, sucker-like, sat down.
Govt. dams and power stations
sprung up all over the slowed
down private development—and
then what. I'll tell you a power
shortage there is now upon them—
even the Christmas trees are dark.
Those nice people there now lick
their wounds. It has done one good

turn though for the rest of the
country—it shows 'em what not to
do, when the Govt. callopie barges
into town.

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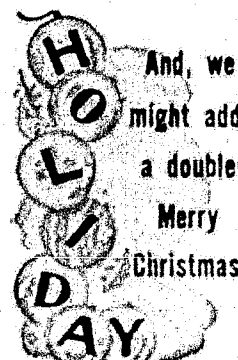
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And, we
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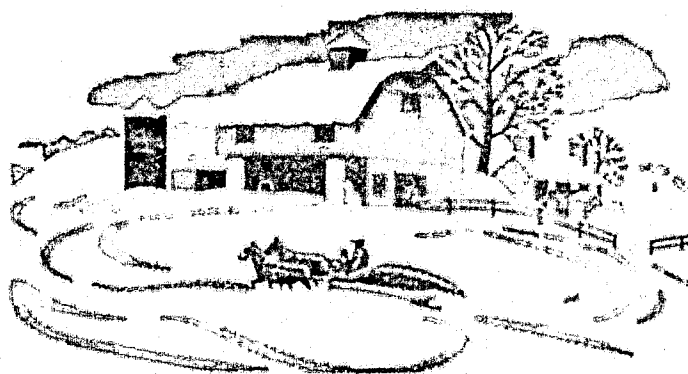
Peace attend
you the season
through.
And may your
fondest dreams
come true.



1952

BETHEL SPA

NORM and JUNE GREIG



Season's Best Wishes
The peace and
happiness of
Christmas belongs
to you.

1952

Bennett's Garage, Inc.



In the East, a star,
and in the hearts of
men a great joy,
for unto the world
Is born a Saviour
His blessing upon
mankind!

Gould Academy

ELWOOD F. IRELAND, Headmaster

To our many friends



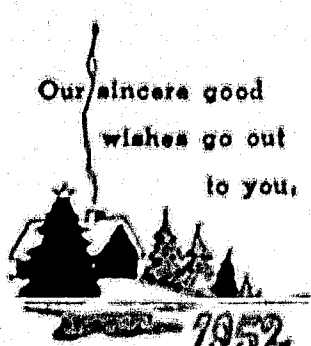
The spirit of
the season
strengthens
our bonds
of mutual
friendship



Bethel Savings Bank



Our sincere good
wishes go out
to you.



**Tim's Body & Fender
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A bright and merry
Christmas to our friends
and patrons.

Sylvia's Beauty Shoppe

Sylvia and Sally



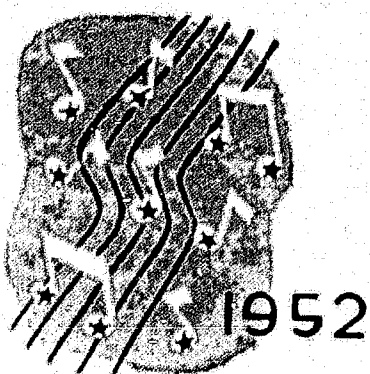
In the valley, on the mountain,
let the spirit of Christmas
warm the hearts of
all mankind.

1952

The Specialty Shop

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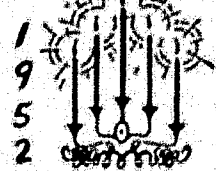
May your heart
sing with the
true joy of
Christmas time.



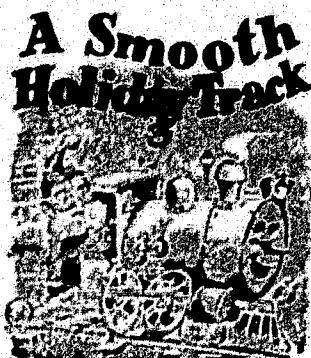
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The splendid spirit
of the season
shines in the
hearts of men.



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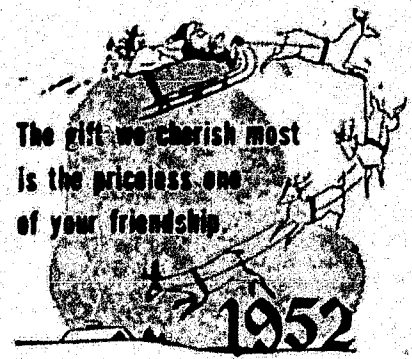


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Merry Christmas
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*Merry
Christmas*



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May you enjoy
the true peace
of the season.

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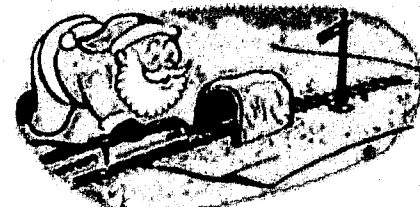
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Our hope for your
peace and happiness
goes out to every
one of you.

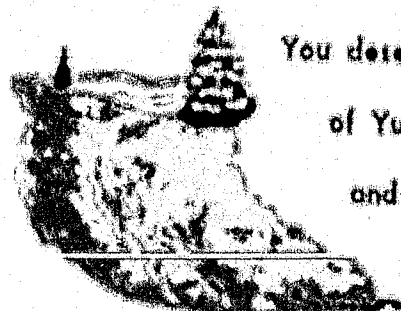


Bryant's Market



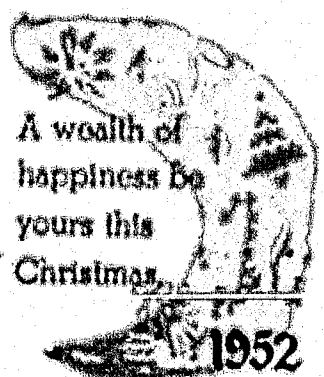
Let's help Santa make
this the merriest
Christmas of all.

Brown's Variety Store

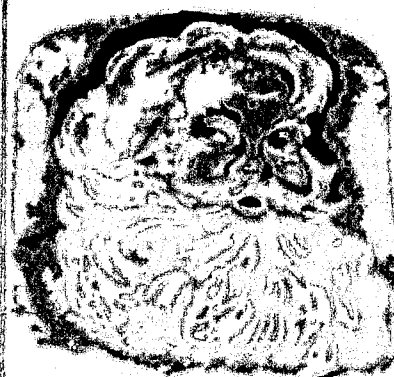


You deserve a wealth
of Yuletide joy
and peace.

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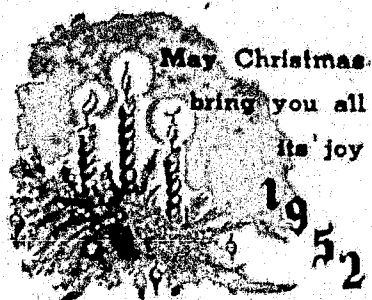


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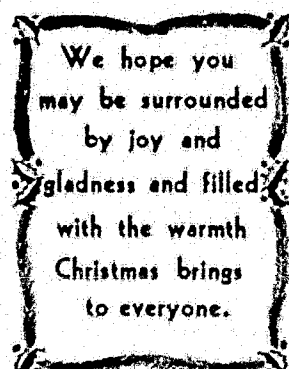


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on Christmas Day;
may this new
Yuletide bring joy
and faith abundant.
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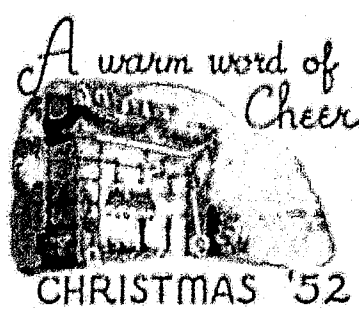
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A beautiful,
merry Christmas
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holiday greetings and
pledge you a bright
and merry
Yuletide
season.



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Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Extremely cold weather caused water pipes to freeze in many homes.

The fuel oil outlook was serious. Deaths—George N. Richardson, Mrs. Edward Lapham.

20 YEARS AGO

A sprinkler system was installed in Bethel Inn.

A loaded Hodgdon express truck burned near Trap Corner. Only a few articles were saved from the rear of the load.

Harry Billings' store in Milton was burned.

Deaths: Freeland I. Cummings, Mrs. Ella Damon, Mrs. Winnie Hall, Edward J. Thompson.

30 YEARS AGO

The Novelty Turning Co., located in Norway and owned by the Central Maine Power Co., was totally destroyed by fire. The factory was fully equipped with modern machinery.

So Paris Manufacturing Co., South Paris, was turning out the new obstacle golf game invented by J. Harold Neal, formerly of Bethel.

Deaths: Wallace Goodridge, Cevlon Rowe.

40 YEARS AGO

Fred B. Merrill purchased the weekly newspaper, The Oxford County Citizen, and the job printing business of E. C. Bowler.

The Volunteer Hose Co. was advertising a ball at Odeon Hall. The American Cadel Orchestra of Portland would furnish music.

Deaths: Gerald Thompson.

50 YEARS AGO

Among lumbering operators were found the names: Hastings Bros., E. S. Kilborn, J. P. Killings, H. M. Farnell, Fred P. Dean and Frank Cummings. Thousands of feet and cords of lumber were manufactured in mills in this vicinity.

Deaths: Sarah French Brown.

V. A. NEWS LETTER

Maine veterans who served in the armed forces anywhere in the world since June 27, 1950 and who are entitled to education and training benefits under the Korean GI Bill should give considerable thought to the goal they are seeking before signing up for any schooling or training, according to a warning issued by Manager M. L. Stoddard of the V. A. Center at Togus.

Stoddard warned that the law allows the Korean veteran but one change of course. He said that before using up any of his entitlement, the ex-GI should decide whether his goal is purely educational such as obtaining a college degree, professional such as becoming a lawyer, or vocational such as training to be a steam fitter.

Within certain limits, a veteran may choose any program of education or training needed to reach the educational, professional or vocational goal to which he aspires. Also within certain limits, he may select his own school or training establishment, as long as it will accept and retain him in what ever field it finds him qualified for. Stoddard stressed that courses in bartending, dancing or personal development are prohibited by law and will not be approved by his office under any circumstances.

Despite the negligible number of abuses uncovered during the administration of the vast educational and training program for World War II veterans, statistics show that the great majority of these veterans used their entitlement wisely. To the extent that forty per cent of the veterans trained for top bracket jobs and are now employed. We have no doubt that this new group of veterans will use their entitlement just as wisely as Stoddard said.

—Question and Answer—
Q: Am applying to college on GI Bill. I got down on my VA application is an all degree after I get it I want to go on for my master degree. Would that step be correct and a change of program even if the advanced studies are in the same field?
A: Yes. The reason would not be a change of program but a change of degree.

MARRIED

In Bethel Dec. 23 by Rev. E. A. Stoddard, "Kathleen Wesley Stone of Greenwood and Miss Joan E. Stone Ward of Bethel.

In Westbrook, Dec. 23 by Rev. Albert Verrill, Miss Fulkerson and Mrs. Marie Cummings, both of Paris.

It is a thing to do it is a thing that it was fit to live old families and customs and style survive because they are fit to survive. The question of continuity is quality. But change the good to a flood of the new, and the good will come back to the good which the new brings with it. Old fashioned people and old fashioned houses in homes had quality of survival. These will come back. Miss Hickenmacher.

BABE IN THE WOODS



The Island Plumber

By Hugh Short

"I'll tell you what," said Amelia. "Let's take the money and hire ourselves a camp up in the mountains. It'll be quiet there. You can probably get the idea for the comic strip you want to do."

He pursed his lips, stared at Amelia a moment soberly, then grinned. Her idea wasn't at all practical. There were bills to pay, necessities to buy. And yet—well, it depended upon your viewpoint.

They found exactly the type of place they wanted on an island on Crystal Lake, far from the noise and rush of the city. There were 10 other camps on the island, but none near enough to be disturbing. Or at least so Barry and Amelia thought.

They were delighted with the camp. It was small, convenient and beautifully situated. The second day after their arrival Barry was interrupted at his work by a knock at the door. It was Mrs. Walsh who had the camp nearest by.

"Our water system," she said distractedly, "seems to have stopped functioning. Ray has gone to the city and I'm all alone. I wonder—she looked at Barry pleadingly.

He looked at the water system. It was not a very complicated affair. A pipe ran into the lake and a gasoline pump sucked the water into a storage tank. He began unscrewing things and presently found a strainer that had clogged. He went back to work. He tried several ideas for a comic strip and none of them pleased him. The next day he began again. Toward noon Mrs. Odell, who lived on the other side of them, appeared.

"It's our bathroom Mr. Odell has gone back to the city. I've tried to get the plumber, but this is the rush season, and Mrs. Walsh said you were so handy."

When he returned an hour later he grinned at Amelia. "I wonder how these folks got along before I arrived."

He wondered still more before a frightful knock passed. Three more female campers had solicited his aid.

"Holy smoke, I've been inter-

rupted 10 times more than I ever as in the city. Darn these husbands! Why can't they fix things up while they're here week-end?"

"Oh, well," said Amelia, "we must be neighborly."

But Barry decided there was a limit to this neighborly business. He regretted having ever fixed the first water system. Before the month had passed he had visited every one of the 10 camps.

"One week more. Then what? Our money all gone. Not a single good idea for a strip! Nothing to my credit but a lot of repaired water systems. Boy, this has been a swell opportunity to create!"

Amelia said wistfully: "I'll grand here, though. I'm sure you'd get an idea if we could only stay on. Besides, physically it's done us a lot of good. You're brown as a berry, darling."

He felt, in a word, lousy about the whole business. His spirits were at the lowest ebb when someone knocked. He groaned. Another water system. But it wasn't one of the lady campers this time. It was a man, who looked at Barry curiously.

"Are you Barry Nesbit?"

"That's right."

"I'm Fergus Piper, the plumber from the mainland."

"Well, well, well," said Barry. "I suppose you're here to complain about me snitching your business. Well, you listen to me."

"Tell you what I'll do," said Mr. Piper. "I'll give you a job. It's like this. I'm terribly rushed in the summer. Hard to get over here. I need a man on the island, on account of I installed all these water systems and the manufacturers pay me for keepin' 'em in repair. I'll pay you enough to live here, provide you with tools and material. What d'ya say?"

Barry and Amelia looked at each other. Barry said:

"Well, I'm a housewife."

Amelia squealed with delight. "Oh, Barry, let's do it! It will solve our problem!"

"And it gives me an idea for a comic strip. The island plumber. Mister, it's a deal!"

Life's Imperishable Luster

At one time a younger brother gave the writer an aluminum bread tray which he highly prized. Not only was it useful and decorative, but it represented loving thought and some degree of self-sacrifice on the part of the giver. It was with not a little dismay that the one day discovered the tray dented and discolored by a harsh detergent she had used in the dishwasher. Her efforts to restore its original luster and beauty with ordinary polish were fruitless, and she placed it aside as unfit for use.

Some months later she had occasion to use steel wool on an aluminum saucer that had been discolored. To her surprise the steel wool not only removed the luster on food, but also cut through the film of discoloration, restoring the original gleam of the metal. Happily she turned her attention to the discolored bread tray, and in a matter of minutes its original beauty was restored.

How clearly the small incident just related parallels human existence! Many a one whose life has been dulled by illness, a bad disposition, a mistake, or even by circumstances over which he apparently had no control has essentially cleansed himself to a shine, believing the attractiveness and

Is it not apparent that God, who neither made nor knows evil, does not acknowledge as His son the sinner, the dishonest, the unhappy mortal that one may seem to be? If we would enjoy the spiritual gifts of health, abundance, joy, security, which are ours by divine right as the sons and daughters of God, we must remove the film of mortal belief which would hide man's true identity. We must bring to light life's imperishable luster.

While an honest appraisal of one's thoughts and deeds, both past and present, may make one feel that a lack of shining happiness is no more than he deserves, the truth is that the tarnish resulting from wrong or unspiritual thinking and doing can always be removed so that the real man, the spiritual man made in the image of eternal good, is more in evidence. God does not condemn man in any way. That disciple beloved of the Master, Christ Jesus, said (I John 3:20), "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, shows that there is no need for one to continue to bear the burden of selfishness or condemnation. In "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany" she says (p. 233): "We cannot remake ourselves, but we can make the best of what God has made. We can know that all is good because God made all, and that evil is not a fatherly grace."

—The Christian Science Monitor—

THE AMERICAN WAY
Federal Control
of Educationby
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FEDERAL aid to education is still being promoted by leaders in the American Education Association. This worst of long-term menaces to freedom is allegedly being promoted through the Parent Teachers Associations over the country in the guise of a membership poll on federal aid. It was through the schools that Hitler, having first enslaved the teachers, perverted an entire generation to the idea of the Nazi State—an idea which still lives in Germany. Stalin, completing the work of those who preceded him, turned the educational system of Russia into seminaries for training young Communists.

The danger is real in America! Just as the Nazi State moved in on private education, presumably to support it, and the Communist regime began by promising the proper amount and kind of education for all Russians, so here in the United States leaders in the second most powerful lobby in Washington are proposing to equalize educational opportunities for all American children through the medium of federal aid to education.

There is admitted need for greater and more intelligent support of our schools. As our population grows, our appreciation of the importance of education also increases in all segments of the population. Greater opportunities in other fields have lured many of our best potentials away from the field of education. So there is a shortage of teachers even as we accumulate a surplus of students.

But the answer is not federal aid to education, with its admittedly certain transfer of control from local and state autonomy to the Federal Government, and the sinister consequences of such control as already demonstrated elsewhere in the world.

Total income increases along with population and it is largely a question of proper and effective use of funds already available, in the order of their importance.

The farther away from home that we spend the taxpayer's dollar, the less we get for that dollar. Every penny of money in the form of federal aid comes finally out of the same taxpayers who now pay for local and state support of schools. The difference is that the local dollar spent directly at home buys 100 cents worth of education, but the same dollar, spent through the Federal Government, buys less than 50 cents worth of education. The rest is lost in the maze of bureaucratic control.

This writer never could see the wisdom of spending 52 cents out of his own dollar in order to get back 48 cents. He would rather keep the whole dollar at home and get a dollar's worth when he spends it for education.

Certain states are said to be unable or unwilling to provide education for their children. Oddly enough, some of the states so mentioned have surplus funds in their treasuries, while the Federal Government approaches bankruptcy with a debt of more than 200 billion dollars.

If the governments in some states waste money while neglecting education, it is up to the voters, if they want their children given a chance for necessary basic education, to elect new officials who will treat education with proper respect.

There are some unnecessary surpluses in education. Many municipalities could shift their spending emphasis to provide better basic education. And there are other and perhaps still better ways to find the funds needed. But federal aid to education is not the way.

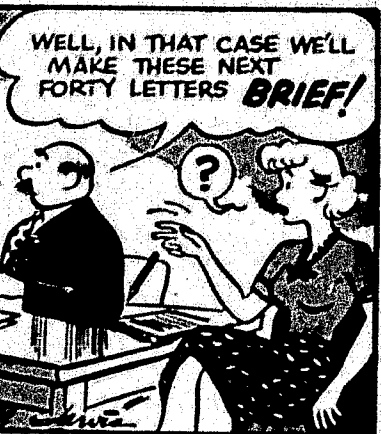
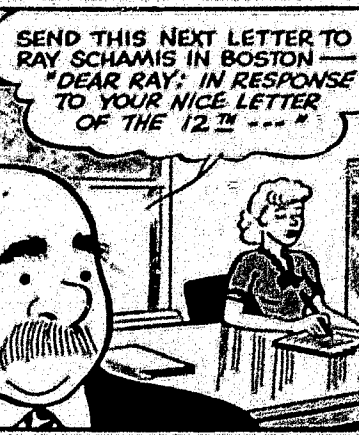
Making things easy does not build strong people, although it could produce a generation of educated weaklings.

Community life and responsibility are still the hard core of American freedom.

Let's not destroy it through Federal Aid and then Control of Education.

It is unnecessary to bankrupt the nation to provide arms for ourselves and the nations we believe to be our allies, but we must never again allow ourselves to become unprotected as we were at the outset of both World War 1 and 2. There is a middle road of efficient defense without extravagance which must be found and followed until peace is more than a word in the world.—Alfred (Mass) News.

MAYOR McGUP By John Jarvis



MAGALLOWAY

—Mrs. Bessie Harvey, Corres.—

Mrs. Ewen Cameron was quite ill last week but is better and was able to attend church Sunday. Milton Cameron has returned from Greenland and is in Boston with his wife and daughter. His parents, Mr and Mrs. A. Donald Cameron are expecting them to be at their home for the holidays.

Mr and Mrs. Glenwood Bennett were visitors at his parents, Mr and Mrs. Archie Bennett's, Sunday. Rolfe and Rex Bennett are at their parent's for the holidays. They are the sons of Mr and Mrs. Clinton Bennett. Rolfe is a student at the University of Maine and Rex is in the Air Force and is stationed at a camp in Illinois.

Mrs. Grace E. Turner, who underwent major surgery at the St. Louis Hospital in Berlin has returned home and is recovering very well.

Mr. Duke held services at the Magalloway Church on Sunday, Dec. 21. Ruthie played the organ and there were 30 people present. Mrs. Bertha West is employed by Mrs. Jerrold West in Errol.

The Grafton Lumber Company has started logging operations at Sturtevant Pond. Some families are moving into houses and camps there owned by the company.

Donald A. Cameron and wife, Lorraine, were callers at Mrs. Mabel Cameron's Sunday night. They live in Errol for the winter and he is operating a bulldozer at Umbagog Lake where Robert York of Bethel is lumbering.

Mrs. Wendell Turner went to Oklahoma last week. Her husband, Cpl. Wendell Turner, is stationed at an army camp there. It was very cold here Saturday night and Sunday morning.

IN ANY LANGUAGE

Some time ago the head of the American Medical Association said, "We begin to hear that the government's compulsory health insurance plans are not socialized medicine. That's ridiculous. Any plan supported by taxation of the people in which the rules are written by government bureaucrats who also determine the fees is socialized medicine in any intelligent person's language."

It's the old story of the camel who stuck his nose under the side of the tent. Before long he worked his whole body into the tent and took up all the room. That's the way socialism works. Attractive phrases may be used in an effort to camouflage it, but the result is always the same—more and more political domination of our lives, and less and less freedom and opportunity and incentive for the individual.

In the case of medicine, moreover, socialization, as we have witnessed it abroad, has in many cases resulted in very serious declines in the standards of medical care. Regimented doctors, bound to follow the rules laid down in a politically-written book, aren't progressive doctors. And the costs to the taxpayers have been staggeringly high.

The last election was a victory for those who believe in freedom and it was a setback for the socialists in and out of government. General Eisenhower opposed socialization of medicine. But that doesn't mean the issue is dead. It will keep on arising in one guise or another. The socialist camel never stops trying to get his nose under the tent.

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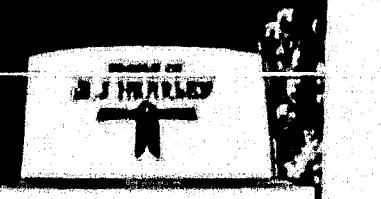
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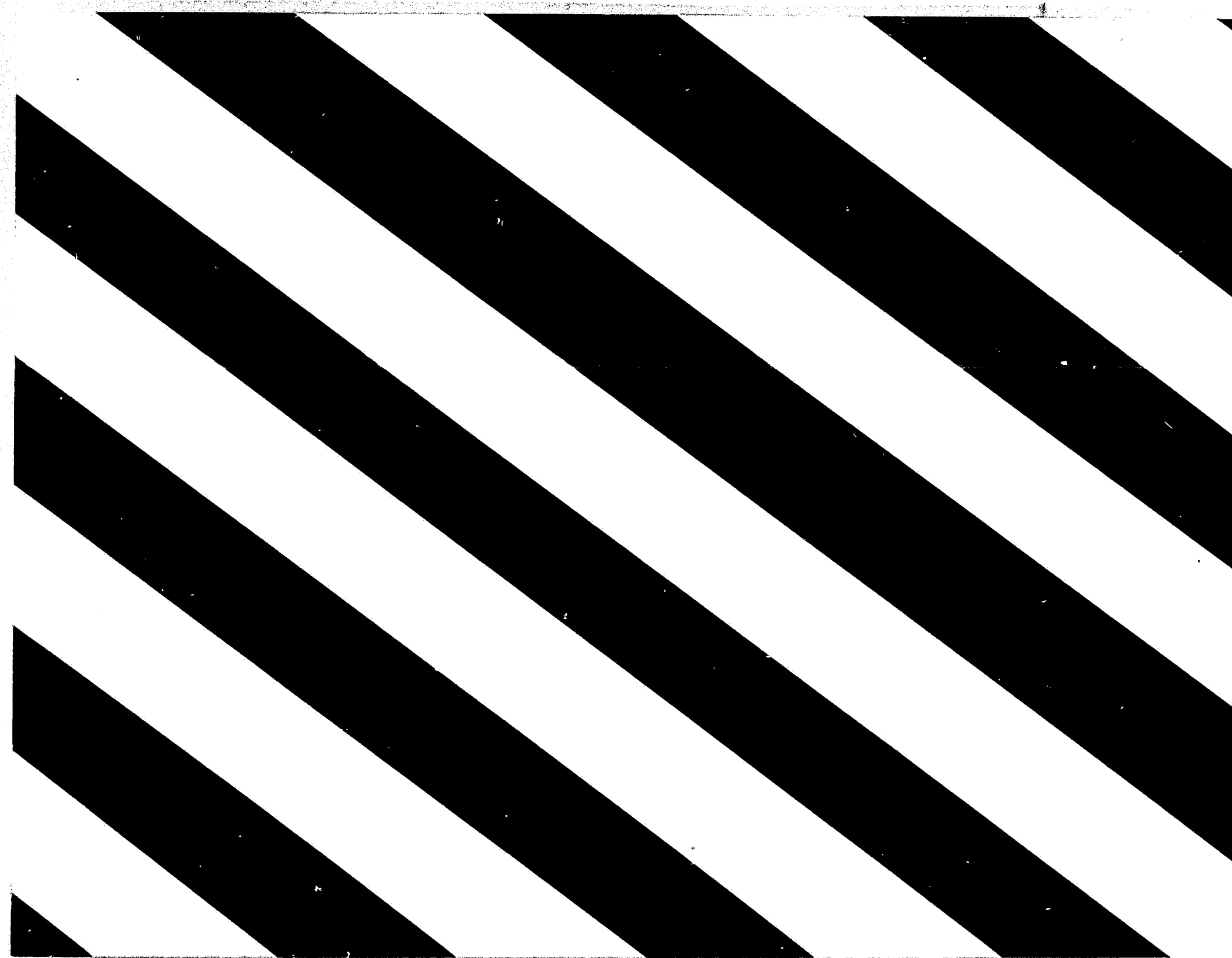


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